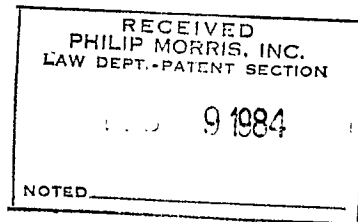


Reddie & Grose

Chartered Patent Agents
European Patent Attorneys
16 Theobalds Road
London WC1X 8PL
Patents Designs Trade Marks



Dr. G. Esler Inskeep,
Philip Morris Inc.,
Law Department - Patent Section,
P.O. Box 26583,
Richmond,
Virginia 23261,
United States of America.

John W. Bailey
David A. Pears M.A.
John H. Bass B.Sc.
P. Antony Smith M.A.
F. A. B. Valentine M.A.
Richard C. Abnett M.A.
Paul A. Brereton M.A.
Keith E. Geering B.A.

D. S. Jackson B.Sc.
J. J. Day B.Sc.
Sarah Dixon B.A.
Linda Harland B.Sc.
Consultant
Michael Hesketh-Prichard

Telephone 01-242 0901
Telex 25445 Reddie G
Fax (Gp. 3/2) 01-242 3290
Cables Reddie London WC1
LDE No. 280

DUE DATE 3-23-84 (4-23-84F) JHB/PC/23844
DOCKETED 2W 2nd February 1984
NOTED _____

Dear Les,

French Patent Application No. 81 09194
PM 1088 (Delta) - Our File: 23844

I enclose a copy of the search report issued on the French application. A reply in the present case is optional but the term for any reply will expire on 23rd April but is extendable for three months.

Copies of the cited references are enclosed, some of which we are familiar with and some of which we are not. However, they are all cited as background only and for this reason a reply is not compulsory. Nevertheless, I recommend that they should all be studied, in case they contain disclosure that is more pertinent than it appeared to be to the searching examiner, in which case you might find it desirable to put argument on record or to file an amendment of the claims.

In view of the voluntary nature of any response on this occasion, we shall do nothing until we hear from you. Our debit note is accordingly enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

pp *N. H. Bass*

J.H. BASS

Enc: Copy search report
debit note.

2026359164